

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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22. (New) A vehicle lighting device comprising:

a housing part and a transparent front lens arranged thereon, the housing part being connected in a positionally fixed manner to the vehicle body;

a spring device provided in a region connecting the lens to the housing part, wherein the spring device, when there is an impact effect in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, permits the lens to be displaced in the direction of the housing part from a fitted position into a withdrawal position offset back in relation to an outer skin of vehicle into which said lighting device is fit, wherein the lens is mounted pivotably about an axis running in a direction in order to pivot the lens in a direction toward the housing part when said vehicle is subject to a corner impact obliquely with respect to said longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

23. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 22, wherein a mounting of the lens is designed in such a manner that, depending on the point of application, direction of action and size of an impact acting on the lens, the

lens executes only a pivoting movement, only a translatory movement or a combination of both types of movement.

24. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 22, wherein a pivot bearing of the lens is provided on a side edge of the lens which is situated closer to the center of the vehicle.

25. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the pivot bearing is formed by at least one pivot pin which is provided on the lens (11) and is supported on a guide rail.

26. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the guide rail is aligned with respect to the longitudinal center axis of the vehicle in such a manner that, when there is an impact effect on the lens within a certain angular range, the lens is displaced along the guide rail in the direction of the housing part.

27. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 22, wherein a resiliently flexible mounting of the lens on the housing part by means of the spring device is designed as a multi-point mounting.

28. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 27, further including a plurality of fastening points with at least one of said fastening points

including a spring element which, at its one end on the vehicle body side, is arranged in an essentially positionally fixed manner and, at its distal end, the connecting region to the lens is provided.

29. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the spring element is designed as a coil.

30. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coil tapers in the direction of an end facing away from the lens.

31. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the height of the coil decreases in the direction of an end facing away from the lens.

32. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coil has an essentially rectangular cross section.

33. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 12, further including a device for adjusting the lens with respect to an outer skin of the vehicle.

34. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 33, wherein the adjusting device additionally couples the lens and housing part.

35. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 33, wherein the adjusting device is arranged on fastening points of the lens or is integrated in the fastening points.

36. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 35, wherein at each of the fastening points a respective coupling membrane is provided, the coupling membrane reaching through the spring element and at one end a pivotably mounted element is provided and another end reaches through a passage opening in the lens with play.

37. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 36, wherein the end reaching through the passage opening is provided with an external thread onto which a head element provided with an internal thread can be screwed from the front side of the lens.

38. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 35, wherein the fastening points for the lens are provided on the housing part.

39. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the housing part, the lens and the spring device form a preassembleable construction unit.

40. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 22, wherein at least one fastening point for fastening the lens to the housing part is provided in an upper and lower edge region of the lens.

41. (New) The vehicle lighting device as claimed in claim 35, wherein the pivot bearing, a plurality of fastening points and the guide rail are formed integrally on the housing part.